



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Lynch Syndrome Cancers Awareness Day

WHEREAS, over 600,000 persons in the United States have Lynch Syndrome, but less but 5% of those persons are currently diagnosed and approximately one in every thirty-five individuals with colorectal cancer have Lynch Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome is a hereditary predisposition presenting a high lifetime risk of contracting a litany of cancers, including up to an: 85% lifetime risk of colon cancer, 65% lifetime risk of endometrial cancer and higher than average risks of contracting ovarian cancer, gastric tract cancers, hepatobiliary cancers, renal pelvic cancers, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer, brain cancer and other cancers, often at an early age; and

WHEREAS, knowing one's family medical history of cancers may prompt genetic testing; and

WHEREAS, a positive genetic test will increase cancer screening and cancers will be detected early and treated or removed often before becoming life threatening; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of cancer deaths will reduce as a result of public awareness of Lynch Syndrome; and


WHEREAS, thousands of lives will be saved as the result of a diagnosis of Lynch Syndrome; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2012 as Lynch Syndrome Cancers Awareness Day and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 8th day of February, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State